

REMARKS

The Office Action has been received and carefully considered. Claims 1-7, 9-27 and 29 are pending in the application. Claim 26 is amended. Claims 8, 28, 30 and 31 have been previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

No new matter has been added. Support for the amendment to claim 26 may be found on page 51 of the originally filed application, for example.

Reconsideration of the outstanding rejection in the present application is requested based on the following remarks.

A. The Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraphs 11 and 12, the Office Action reflects allowable subject matter. Specifically, the Office Action sets forth:

Claims 1-7, 9-25 and 29 are allowed; and

Claims 26 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 26 in response to the asserted rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 and to even more clearly satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101.

Applicant submits that all claims are now in condition of allowance.

B. The 35 U.S.C. 101 Rejection

In the Office Action, claims 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. The Office Action asserts:

Claims 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non- statutory subject matter. Claim 26 recites **"a data entry portion"** without providing any structure. The specification states that this may be "a person working from a PC at home". (P[0056]). As a result, claim 26 is read to claim human beings

themselves, which are non-statutory subject matter and are therefore barred from patentability.

(emphasis added)

In response to the rejection, claim 26 is amended to even more clearly satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is obviated.

CONCLUSION

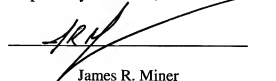
The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete Response to the pending Office Action, and early and favorable consideration of the claims is requested. If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application which may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, or if there are any other issues which may be resolved by telephone, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (703) 714-7449 is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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